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TYPES OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY THE INFORMATION CLERKS IN THE  
LOBBY OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BY TELEPHONE AND PERSONALLY

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1. Can Agriculture tell me how to mouse proof a mattress?
  2. How many miles does a bee have to travel in order to produce one ounce of honey?
  3. Does angora wool grow after making it up into a sweater?
  4. How much area will a quart of D.D.T. cover?
  5. What is the difference between a tick and a bed bug?
  6. Are peaches now on sale at Eastern Shore, Maryland?
  7. How long will eggnog keep?
  8. What is this new black radish the Department of Agriculture has recently produced?
  9. What is a Turkin?
  10. When does the wild turkey season end in Georgia?
  11. Who do I talk with to get a copy of a birth certificate?
  12. What color is a lamb's eyes?
  13. Who will I report an overcharge by a taxicab to?
  14. My little girl came home from school with bugs in her hair; how will I get rid of them?
  15. How can I keep porcupines out of my garden?
  16. How many spools of silk does it take to make a pair of nylon hose?
  17. What side of a tree does moss grow on?
  18. How long will it take to pick 100 pounds of cotton?
  19. How long does it take a chicken egg to hatch?
  20. Will a bucket of water under a fruit tree keep it from freezing?
  21. How many farmers read newspapers?
  22. How many wild flowers are there in Arkansas?
  23. I want to talk to a Mrs. Carter who had a baby last October.
  24. I want the department where they count the cows.
  25. How can I get rid of insects called "walking watermelon seeds"?
  26. How many pounds of spinach to the bushel?
  27. How much honey is equal to a cupful of sugar?
  28. How much food is purchased in the U. S.; also, by farmers?
  29. Will you give me the names of buildings and parks named for Lincoln?
  30. In the play of Uncle Tom's Cabin, what was little Eva's last name?
  31. What will I spray on horses and cows to keep flies away?
  32. What is being done with the used fat that is being collected?
  33. What kind of balsam tree is it that they stuff my aunt's pillow with that smells so sweet?
  34. What color eyes do potatoes have?
  35. How many sheets (bed) are required to start light housekeeping?
  36. How much feed does it take to keep one duck?
  37. Can you use volunteer potatoes?
  38. How does the water get in watermelons?
  39. Man found a spider with a human face and wanted to know what he should do about it; would someone here be interested in seeing it?
  40. How many eggs does a goose lay?
  41. What will take the garlic taste out of cow's milk?
  42. Do you plant potatoes with the eyes down?
  43. Do sheep have upper teeth?
  44. Was the sweet potato started with a seed or by a root?
  45. What do I feed goldfish?

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46. Who owns stock in Land Grant Banks?
47. Tell me what to do when I use corn syrup instead of sugar in canning fruits.
48. What causes my peonies to turn black?
49. My tomatoes are all dying; what will I do?
50. Squirrels are all over my house; how can I get rid of them?
51. How will I take care of my plants if I am away?
52. I want to talk to the potato man.
53. Who is holding back on the meat--the feeder or the packer?
54. How will I get a rust stain out of a silk dress?
55. How many farmers are there in the United States this year?
56. What will I do with my garbage can?
57. Can Agriculture please give me some suggestions on a name for my baby? Someone told me the Department of Agriculture would help me.
58. How much are lambs a pound on foot?
59. Let me talk to the person who handles maternity leave?
60. How do I bury cats in the ground?
61. How many pounds to the bushel?
62. Is the peanut a vegetable or a nut?
63. What was the first date they asked us to save old fat?
64. Would like some free bulbs that Agriculture gives away.
65. How many loaves of bread can be made from a barrel of flour?
66. Is it possible to send a telegram to Italy?
67. Where will I take dead Japanese beetles to collect money for them? I was told the Department of Agriculture is paying people to kill them.
68. Can I use peaches off a tree that was recently sprayed with DDT?
70. Why do they have rodeos?
71. Man wants to start a worm farm--did not mention the kind of worms.
72. Will you please have someone call out to my house to pick up an unwanted animal?
73. What does feather bedding (in connection with plowing) mean? I called many people here that I thought could answer. They had never heard of such a thing.
74. A woman called and said she had captured something in a jar and it is between a bee and a bug.
75. Connect me with the office where papers are filed on seeds.
76. I want information on chinchillas.
77. Please connect me with road construction.
78. Give me the pay clerk. Asked which bureau the party had reference to and the reply was "don't you know what the pay clerk is? I want to find out about my pay."
79. I have some plants I want identified.
80. Please connect me with the office handling surplus beer.
81. I have some surplus food and thought the Department of Agriculture might like to have it.
82. Can I use canned food (fruits, vegetables, etc.) that I have stored in my cellar three years? Would it still be good?
83. I want to get a recipe for making wine.
84. I have a patent on a new plant. With whom may I talk to ascertain if such a plant has ever been discovered before?
85. Lady called and stated there was a bat in her attic. Wanted someone to come and take it away.



86. Will you have someone come out to my home and remove a big tree from my yard? I understand the Department of Agriculture does that for people.
87. I kept a ham in my cellar and now it is all covered with mold. What can I do about it?
88. I would like to have all the information I can get on Southern farming.
89. Connect me with the picture badge file (referring to passes).
90. I want to talk to someone about the shipment of livestock overseas for UNRRA.
91. I want to talk to the Electric Purification Office (meant REA).
92. Where and by whom are artichokes grown?
93. How large and what is the weight of the average hen?
94. How many state and county fairs have been held and where; also, when was the first?
95. What are the import restrictions on gin and whiskey?
96. I planted some magnolia trees and something is sucking the sap like a leech--what can I do about it?
97. What can I do about the dampness in my house? We have a child that wets the bed and I think it is caused by that.
98. How many barrels of cement are consumed by farmers in each state?
99. How do I get an electric line run to my place in Alabama?
100. I would like to have all available information about edible seaweed.
101. Who can give me the price of grain on the Chicago Stock Market today?
102. I would like to know the value of farm land in Southern Indiana.
103. What can I do for the skippers in my hams?
104. I want to get a patent on a tomato plant; whom do I see?
105. Connect me with the division affecting man.
106. What can I do to eliminate the odor in my garbage can?
107. I want to get some mats showing agricultural activities.
108. I want a transportation contract for the trucking business.
109. Give me all the information there is on the Alaska Research Project on Soil.
110. Man wanted plants and shrubbery office; was told to call BPISAE; said he didn't have his glasses and wouldn't I please help him out by getting the number for him; informed him it was on an entirely different exchange and he would have to dial it from where he was. Thinking it might concern publications, I asked him just what he wanted and he replied he wanted some plants picked up and put in the hospital as the place was all torn up and being remodeled. Inquired as to where he was calling from and he replied, "House phone at the Capitol." Suggested he call the Botanical Gardens.
111. Would like to speak with someone concerning the sale of surplus castor oil.
112. Long distance call from Roanoke asking for commercial recipe of pies.

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